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FROM ACTING AGATT FOR USDA PASS FAS GRAIN AND FEED DIV, AND  
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SUBJECT: SOUTHWEST MONSOON

REF: NEW DELHI 10378

1. THE MOMENTUM IN MONSOON ACTIVITY ACHIEVED TO DATE WAS STRONGLY  
SUSTAINED DURING THE WEEK ENDING JULY 27 AND RESULTED IN  
FAIRLY WIDESPREAD PRECIPITATION OVER MOST OF THE COUNTRY. THE  
NUMBER OF WEATHER ZONES RECEIVING NORMAL OR ABOVE NORMAL  
RAINFALL INCREASED TO 25 FROM 20, OUT OF A TOTAL OF 35.

2. DURING THE WEEK ENDING JULY 27, 1977 AREAS RECEIVING NORMAL  
OR ABOVE NORMAL RAINFALL WERE: ASSAM AND MEGHALAYA, ORISSA,  
SOUTHERN PARTS OF BIHAR, UTTAR PRADESH (EXCLUDING HILLY  
AREAS), HARYANA, HIMACHAL PRADESH, JAMMU AND KASHMIR, RAJASTHAN,  
WEST MADHYA PRADESH GUJARAT, MAHARASHTRA, ANDHRA PRADESH,  
KARNATAKA, KERALA, AND LAKSHADWEEP. RAINFALL OVER THE REST  
OF THE COUNTRY WAS DEFICIENT TO SCANTY FROM 20 PERCENT IN BAY ISLANDS  
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AND EAST MADHYA PRADESH TO 77 PERCENT IN TAMIL NADU (BELOW NORMAL).

3. CUMULATIVE RAINFALL FROM JUNE 1 TO JULY 27, 1977 WAS NORMAL  
OR ABOVE NORMAL IN ASSAM AND MEGHALAYA, SOUTHERN PARTS OF WEST  
BENGAL, ORISSA, BIHAR, UTTAR PRADESH, HARYANA, PUNJAB, HIMACHAL  
PRADESH, JAMMU AND KASHMIR, RAJASTHAN, MADHYA PRADESH, GUJARAT,

MAHARASHTRA, ANDHRA PRADESH, TAMIL NADU, KARNATAKA, KERALA, AND LAKSHADWEEP. RAINFALL OVER BALANCE OF THE COUNTRY WAS BELOW NORMAL RANGING FROM 22 PERCENT IN BAY ISLANDS AND ARUNACHAL PRADESH TO 38 PERCENT IN NAGALAND, MANIPUR, MIZORAM AND TRIPURA. THE ABOVE WEATHER ZONES WHICH RECEIVED NORMAL OR ABOVE NORMAL RAINFALL ACCOUNTED FOR APPROXIMATELY 98 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL KHARIF CEREAL PRODUCTION (COMPARED TO 59 PERCENT IN THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF 1976), USING AS A BASE THE DISTRIBUTION OF KHARIF PRODUCTION DURING 1970-71.

4. THE 1977 SW MONSOON'S PERFORMANCE DURING THE FIRST HALF OF THE SEASON REFLECTS AN IMPROVEMENT OVER THE COMPARABLE PERIOD LAST YEAR. THE NEED AT PRESENT IS FOR A BREAK IN WHAT, TO DATE, HAS BEEN A PATTERN OF PRECIPITATION UNINTERRUPTED BY

NECESSARY SPELLS OF CLEAR, DRY WEATHER. THE ABSENCE OF THE LATTER HAS REPORTEDLY HAD AN ADVERSE AFFECT ON SOME MAIZE AND BARLEY CROPS; AND IN ISOLATED CASES (WHERE SOWING DATES PERMITTED), CAUSED A SHIFT IN AREA TO PADDY PRODUCTION.

5. THE BREAK NORMALLY EXPECTED AT THIS JUNCTURE FOLLOWED BY THE RESUMPTION OF TIMELY AND WELL DISTRIBUTED RAINS LASTING INTO LATE SEPTEMBER WOULD PROVIDE THE BASIS FOR EXPECTING A 1977 KHARIF FOODGRAIN CROP SOMEWHAT ABOVE THE CURRENT ESTIMATE OF LAST YEAR'S KHARIF OF 66 MILLION TONS.

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6. REFTTEL, PAGE 2, PARA 3, FIRST SENTENCE SHOULD BE CORRECTED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: "CUMULATIVE RAINFALL FROM JUNE 1 TO JULY 20, 1977 WAS NORMAL OR ABOVE IN ASSAM AND MEGHALAYA, ARUNACHAL PRADESH, SOUTHERN PARTS OF WEST BENGAL, ORISSA, BIHAR, UTTAR PRADESH, HARYANA, PUNJAB, HIMACHAL PRADESH, JAMMU AND KASHMIR, RAJASTHAN, MADHYA PRADESH, GUJARAT, MAHARASHTRA (EXCLUDING SOUTHEAST AREAS), ANDHRA PRADESH (BARRING COASTAL AREAS), TAMIL NADU, KARNATAKA, AND LAKSHADWEEP/ZWBY."GOHEEN

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